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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6340

BILL NUMBER: SB 47

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 22, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Best Buddies Indiana Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Alting

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

STATE IMPACT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		252,100	252,100
Net Increase (Decrease)		(252,100)	(252,100)

Summary of Legislation: The bill appropriates money to the Department of Education (DOE) to provide a grant to Best Buddies Indiana, a nonprofit organization designed to foster the social integration of individuals with intellectual disabilities, to develop programs in middle schools, and to expand programs in high schools.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill would appropriate \$504,200 over the FY 2008-FY 2009 biennium from the state General Fund to the DOE for the Best Buddies programs in local schools.

Background: Best Buddies programs began in Indiana schools in January 2002 with financial support from the Indiana Down Syndrome Foundation. The program pairs students that are intellectually disabled with students that are not in school and social settings. There are approximately 31 Indiana public high schools currently participating in the program. Those 31 high schools had 6,258 special education students during school year 2005-2006. The number of those students that could be eligible for and the amount of current

participants in the Best Buddies program is unknown. However, if all 6,258 special education students participated in the program in schools that currently have a Best Buddies program, the proposed appropriation would provide approximately \$80 per student.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools with a Best Buddies program.

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